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Thanks

- .. To those parents who attended either of this week's junior concerts.
- .. Ruth and Clinton Telfer who did a fantastic job judging school gardens last weekend. Next year will be Ruth's tenth year in this role.
- .. Edith McCaw for doing a great job marking the Home Garden Booklets.
- .. Those people who dropped by to share morning tea with us on Thursday.
- .. Those who have offered to help with next week's Year 3 camp.

People of the week

- .. our home gardeners.
- .. our junior school (children and staff) for an awesome junior concert this week.
- .. Well done to Caitlin and Jessi who won ribbons in the lead rein classes in the Whangarei A&P Show.
- .. Calum won the Paper Trail Competition at the Kamo Community late night Christmas shop. He won a variety of prizes including a \$50 gift voucher.

2011 Prize Giving

Parents and extended family

Please keep the evening of Tuesday 13th December free for our annual prize giving. This evening will start 6.30pm and will conclude approx 8.30pm with a supper. Grandparents are welcome. **Families are asked to bring two plates please** for a shared supper - to be placed on tables which will be set up between Room 11 and the administration block. Remember that attendance on this night is quite optional for 5 year olds (all other children are asked to be present please).

End of Year Prizegiving – Pre-schoolers

If you have a pre-schooler who will be attending prize giving and you would like them to get a small bag of goodies on the night please give Helen a call.

School Team Athletics Day

You might like to drop by Monday 12 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field events and culminate in competitive track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:30, lunch 12:00 to 12:30, prizegiving 2:30 (approx.) Please ensure children have their sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear.

This year's sponsor is Whangarei Physiotherapy.

Year 8 Leaving Books

These are due at school **MONDAY** please. Thank you parents for assisting with this.

Start Date for 2012

School will recommence on 2 February 2012. Term 1 2012 finishes 5 April.

Classes for 2012

Class lists for 2012 are on display on the hall noticeboard.

School Security

Please assist by keeping a close eye on the school over the holidays. If you notice anything suspicious please phone United Security (4301992) or Steve Martin (4335061) and take registration numbers of suspicious vehicles. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Virtue - RESPECT

Congratulations to the following children who were selected by their classes as "Shining Examples" of the Respect Virtue. We hope your parents feel very proud of your efforts.

Rm 1	Kanye	Rm 2	Hannah
Rm 3	Brendan	Rm 3	Brooke
Rm 4	Abbie	Rm 4	Orlando
Rm 4	Arwyn	Rm 5	Tyler
Rm 5	Jessica	Rm 6	Toby
Rm 7	Gerran	Rm 7	Grace
Rm 8	Kayla	Rm 8	Caleb
Rm 9	Ruby	Rm 9	Oliver
Rm 9	Hayoon	Rm 10	Kendall
Rm 10	Bradley	Rm 11	Matthew
Rm 12	Jess		

Interschool Athletics Competition

Special congratulations to those children who took part in the competition, especially to the following children who placed as follows:

Liam	Yr 7 800m	3 rd equal
Euan	Yr 8 800m	2 nd
Emily	Yr 8 Shot Put	3 rd
Georgia	Yr 8 Long Jump	3 rd
Scott	Yr 8 Long Jump	3 rd
	Yr 8 High Jump	2 nd
	Yr 8 Discus	3 rd

Staffing 2012

I am pleased to announce 2012 staffing as follows ..

Teaching staff	Support staff
Room 1 (May start mid-year depending on new entrant numbers)	Teacher Aides
Room 2 Mrs Robertson Year 1	Mrs Neumann
Room 3 Mrs Williams Year 1	Mrs Nisha
Room 4 Mrs Abbott / Mrs Sloper Year 1 and 2	Mrs Crawford
Room 5	Mrs Wynyard
Room 6 Miss Bevin Year 2 and 3	Mrs Veenis
Room 7 Mrs Burgin Year 3	Information Technology
Room 8 Mrs Witte Year 4	Mrs Sullivan
Room 9 Mr Schuster Year 5 and 6	Administration
Room 10 Mrs Gunson Year 5 and 6	Mrs Dorahy
Room 11 Mrs Donaldson Year 7 and 8	Mrs Cates (ESOL)
Room 12 Mr Delemare Year 7 and 8	Mrs Sinclair
Class/student support Mrs Marvin / Mrs Scheibmair.	Caretaker / Grounds
Special needs Mrs Comrie (ESOL)	Mr Palmer
Dep. Principal - Mr Delemare / Assis. Principal Mrs Robertson (Mrs Bruce - on leave terms 1 and/or 2) / Senior teacher - Mrs Burgin	

Stationery

As advised last week, 2012 stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website www.myschool.co.nz Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. You will find complete lists with unit prices on the site. Remember, delivery is free for orders over \$57.50 and that the school has passed on its reward points to families, gaining you a further 10% cost advantage (the only school in N.Z. that has done this). If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list. Orders can be placed now for delivery before school starts.

Reports

Reports will be issued 14 December. The report contains statements on your child's effort and attainment in key learning areas and with respect to their social skills and work habits. These statements are summative - meaning that they have been formed after consulting multiple sources of information gathered over the course of the year. They also incorporate teacher judgements based on literally thousands of interactions with your child over the course of the year. Although this report is principally for you, please feel free to share it with your child. Draw attention to their successes and perhaps identify some areas for future focus.

Finally, remember that no single method of reporting should stand alone. Impressions need to be weighed against those from other methods of reporting including early and mid year interviews, portfolios, student achievement data and so forth. Please congratulate your child on our behalf for the gains they have made. This year reports also contain a statement on your child's achievement in relation to the National Standards.

Year 3 Portfolios

Next week Portfolio's for Year 3's will be sent home. These are not required to be returned as new ones will be issued at the beginning of Year 4 and will remain with them until Year 8.

Summer Effect - Hook in to books!

Thank you for the expressions of interest in our summer reading programme. Reading logs and books will be issued next week to those children whose parents have opted in to the programme. Parents are asked to ensure ..

.. that reading time is set aside most days (maybe the whole family can take out their books)

.. that the reading log is regularly updated.

.. that you take time to share what you have read .. make it fun!

As well as fostering a love of reading we are also hoping to mitigate the "summer effect" mentioned in last week's newsletter (i.e. the drop back in test scores after an extended period away from school) and will be comparing March test scores for these children against the general school population. We will keep you posted on the outcome of our research.

(We have boxes of books on order from National Library Service and will do our best next week to match kids to books. We want kids to have books they can engage with but also which stimulate and extend).

Lost Property

If you get a chance please drop by to have a look through the mountain of lost property outside Room 10. We will certainly get children to do their customary "walk by" but inevitably some items will remain unclaimed. All unclaimed items will be donated to charities at the end of the term.

Year 3 Camp .. 15/16 December

Any questions in the run up to camp to Mrs Abbott please. Parents of these children are especially asked to ensure all camp gear is taken home on the Friday.

School Contributions

Those who have not paid their term 4 school contribution are asked to do so next week please. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements. **A small number of families also owe for activity or technology fees from earlier in the year and we are keen to receive these also please.** We are happy to have automatic deductions into our account where this works best for parents.

Guitar Lessons

Vacancies available in the New Year after school. Contact Vangie 0211883251, 4347573 or killalea@ihug.co.nz.

Community Notices

For Rent – Cosy 2 bedroom house on one acre, Ruatangata area. On bus route to Matarau School & High Schools. Pets ok. Available January 2012, \$260pw. Phone Kat 433 5149.

Wanted - To buy sheep, ph Steve 4335061.

Free to a Good Home – 1 female Guinea Pig. Food & Hay included. Please contact Isabel on 4335587.

Firewood for Sale – Split gum, \$65/sqm; Mixed bag, \$55/sqm. Tel Justin 433 5083

For Sale - 1999 Honda Foreman – Good Condition – Ideal for Beach – Ph Edwin 0274 770 191

Kidz Camp - Marsden Bay Holiday Camp, Jan 9th-14th, wide variety of activities. Ph Helena

094447456/0273806323 or info@marsdenbay.com

Summer Camps – Outdoor activities. For more information visit www.scriptureunion.org.nz or ph 0800 7822677.

Paihia Oceans Kids Swim - Saturday 10 December, 10.30am, Paihia Beach. To register or for more info visit www.oceankids.co.nz.

Kamo Swim Club – Urgently require a small clear kids swimming pool to use. Please ph Chris Sapwell 0272768837.

Holeecow – Drama classes and acting workshop holiday programme. Whangarei & McLeods Bay. For more info email maria@holeecow.co.nz or visit www.holeecow.co.nz.

Northland Youth Theatre – Commencing 23 Jan, \$30 per day, byo lunch. Fun filled activities. Phone Rose On 4384453 or email coordinator@nyt.org.nz

Santa's Grotto – Rizing Starz Performing Arts Trust opening a shop at 12 Cameron St, 10th-22nd Dec between 10m-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Experience a traditional Christmas with fairies, elves and Santa himself. \$2 entry per person.

Departing staff

Don't forget to take the time to say goodbye to Miss Hewitt and Miss Downey next week. Teachers love to hear about the difference they have made.

Mrs Marvin

A special thanks to Mrs Marvin for the tremendous work she has done over the period of Mr Schuster's absence. Mrs Marvin stepped in to Room 8 at pretty short notice and has done a fantastic job. We like working with her so much we have asked her to be on the teaching team again next year. Thanks Mrs Marvin.

A special invitation to parents

Prize Giving is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the year, as well as acknowledging those children who have achieved exceptionally well in a variety of domains. These children model some of the attributes we would like to see in all children, and perhaps even in ourselves. We invite you to enter the spirit of prize giving and to celebrate a special moment EVERY time a child goes onto the stage. We owe these children a great deal for the examples they set - please join with us to celebrate these achievers.

A Final Special Thanks to

Our sponsors for their generous Contributions to our School

Staff for efforts, beyond the call of duty

The Board for its unswerving dedication to duty

Children for striving to attain your goals (and for supporting others towards the same end)

To the many parents etc. who have given their time to help in classrooms, camp, sports days, transport

To those who have given us the benefit of the doubt when things didn't quite turn out right.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Best wishes to those who end their association with us this year - we hope you will reflect positively on your period of involvement with our school.

School finishes 3:00 PM Friday 16 December.

Regards

Kevin Trewhella
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